

Application No. 08/716,223  
Status Request Dated January 9, 2004  
Confirmation No. 5553  
Attorney Docket No. 702-961170



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 08/716,223  
Applicant : Gerrit A. Van Schouwenburg  
Filed : November 22, 1996  
Title : **METHOD FOR PREPARING A  
COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT FROM  
SMALLER PIECES OF MEAT, AND THE  
COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT OBTAINED**  
Group Art Unit : 1761  
Examiner : Curtis Edward Sherrer

**FACSIMILE 703-872-9306**  
**Attention: Milton Cano**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**STATUS REQUEST**

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests that the United States Patent and Trademark Office provide a status report on the above-identified application. A summary of recent activity in the case follows:

October 30, 2001	Application forwarded to Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) for decision on appeal.
February 12, 2003	Decision on Appeal with new grounds of rejection.
April 14, 2003	Amendment in response to new grounds of rejection.
April 22, 2003	Notice of Abandonment.
April 30, 2003	Facsimile copy of April 14, 2003 Amendment sent to Examiner.

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May 15, 2003

Communication refusing entry of  
April 14, 2003 Amendment.

May 23 – June 17, 2003

Multiple telephone conversations  
with Examiner and BPAI  
personnel (Eleanor Cook and  
Dale Shaw) by which the  
undersigned received verbal  
assurance that BPAI was acting  
on the case with no risk of  
abandonment. Copies of  
telephone notes evidencing such  
activity are attached.

December 12, 2003

Notice of Abandonment.

Applicant's representative have diligently prosecuted this application and  
request an explanation of its status as well as withdrawal of the December 12, 2003 Notice of  
Abandonment.

Respectfully submitted,

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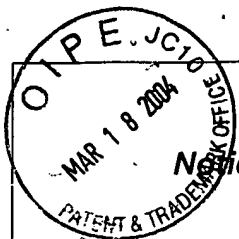
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 15 May 2003.
  - (a) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.  
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
  - (c) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
  - (d) ☒ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due.  
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
  - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
  - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☐ The reason(s) below:

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Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.